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Energy-Wise Tip—Laundry



Washing and drying laundry uses more energy than you may think. Not only are you running the machines, many times you are also using warm or hot water from your hot water heater. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average household does about 400 loads of laundry a year. Of those, 49 percent run with warm water, 37 percent with cold water, and 14 percent with hot. Depending on your energy source for making hot water, the average energy cost per load is about \$1. It does not take long to see that this common chore provides a great opportunity to use energy more wisely and save on monthly energy bills. Here are some ways you can reduce your energy costs while getting the wash done:

1. Use cold water. According to ENERGY STAR® almost 90 percent of the energy consumed by the washing process is used to heat water. You can save a lot of energy by washing your clothes in cold water. Cold-water washing also keeps colors bright, reduces wrinkling, and will not set stains. Although you may find that regular detergent is sufficient, try out cold-water detergents that are specifically formulated to work in cooler temperatures.
2. Run a full load. Your clothes washer will use about the same amount of mechanical energy, regardless of how full it is. If you do not run a full load, be sure to set the water level for the amount of laundry you are running.

3. Use the washer's energy-saving settings. Be sure to start with the appropriate wash cycle for the fabrics being laundered and do not wash for longer than needed. Some loads only need 10 minutes of washing. Avoid the excessively hot sanitary cycle, but do choose the high spin option to remove more moisture at the end and cut down on drying time.

4. If you are in the market for a washing machine, get one with the ENERGY STAR label. ENERGY STAR washing machines use 37 percent less energy and 50 percent less water than regular washers.

5. Soak heavily soiled items before washing, and rub collars or other stains with household soap. There's nothing worse than having to repeat a wash because stains didn't come out.

6. Use the dryer's energy-saving settings. Select low temperature for delicates and medium for most clothes. Choose auto-dry instead of timed-dry to prevent over-drying. Use a cycle that includes a cool-down period, sometimes known as a "permanent-press" cycle. In the last few minutes of this cycle, cool air, not heated air, is blown through the clothes completing the drying process with less electricity and saving you money.

7. Clean the lint filter after each dryer load to improve air circulation and reduce drying time. Periodically, use the long nozzle tip on your vacuum cleaner to remove the lint that collects inside the lint screen slot. Purchase a lint

trap vacuum attachment if you cannot get your vacuum's nozzle into the trap. In addition, inspect your dryer vent a couple of times a year to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material, not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

8. Consider a clothesline or drying rack. Drying clothes outside on a line or inside on a drying rack saves about 40 cents per load. Note that it is often recommended that fabrics like wool be laid flat to dry. Plus, line-dried clothes receive less wear and tear and will be static free without the use of dryer sheets.

9. Dry towels and heavier cottons in a separate load from lighter-weight clothes, since different materials, fabric weights, and garment sizes will require different amounts of time to dry. Your local utility wants to help you make the most of your energy dollar and reduce your laundry costs. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWise, along with possible energy efficiency financial incentives, contact your local utility.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 7th
July 21st

CHECK US OUT!

The Wayne Green Team will be hosting a table at the Grand Opening of the Wayne Farmers Market on Wednesday, July 8th, 4-7 p.m. Stop by for a reusable bag to do your market shopping and play our new Sort N' Cycle game to learn what you can and cannot recycle in Wayne!!



Department News ~

Discharging Fireworks ~

Remember — The discharge or exploding of fireworks within the City can only take place on the following dates and times:

- ◆ June 25th through July 3rd—8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ July 4th—8:00 a.m. to midnight

Please use caution and be safe during this 4th of July holiday!
~Betty McGuire
City Clerk



Library News ~

The library and senior center are excited to offer two programs in July dealing with Wayne area history. Monday, July 13, we will host LaRayne Topp, author of *81 Seconds*, a book which highlights personal accounts of the 2014 Pilger tornado. Two weeks later, on Monday, July 27, our speaker will be Gwen Jensen, Theatre Instructor at Wayne State College. She will present a history of the Walter Savidge Amusement Company, an early 20th century traveling show which had its roots in Wayne. While the programs begin at 12:45 pm, reservations can be made to enjoy the senior center meal that is served at noon. Reservations for the meals must be made by the Friday before each program by calling the senior center at 402-375-1460. Both of the 12:45 programs are free and open to the public.

Have you noticed the beautiful garden areas around the library/senior center building? Did you know these planting beds are fully funded by donations and all the work involved in keeping them well-tended is in the hands of a dedicated group of volunteers. Next time you drive down Pearl Street we hope you enjoy the spectacular view!

The Wayne Library Book Club will be reading *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman. The adult Summer Reading theme is "Escape the Ordinary." This book is certainly beyond ordinary. It is a futuristic novel. In America after the Second Civil War, the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies came to an agreement: The Bill of Life states that human life may not be touched from the moment of conception until a child reaches the age of thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, a parent may choose to retroactively get rid of a child through a process called "unwinding." New members are always welcome for the discussion which will be held Tuesday, July 28, at the library.



Hard to believe, but the summer reading program has just a few more weeks to go. Programming for youth ends July 15, and the adult bingo challenge wraps up July 31. We still have lots of books and prizes for the kids, thanks to the generosity of area businesses and organizations, so it's not too late to sign up and start reading. Adults also have time to get going on their challenge card... everyone who completes 12 of 16 challenges will be placed in a drawing for a Kindle HD Fire, compliments of the Wayne Library Foundation.

The next Junk in the Trunk for 2015 will be August 29 as part of the city-wide garage sale days. Each seller at the library will be responsible for their car, junk & treasures, transactions, and clean up! You just drive in, open your trunk, sell your stuff, and drive away! Set-up will begin at 8 a.m. and all the cars must be in place by 8:45 a.m. The lot will then be blocked off, permitting only foot traffic around the cars. Selection of parking sites is first come, first serve. All participating cars need to be in our parking lot, saving street-side parking for library patrons. Space is limited, so call the library at 402-375-3135 or email rmclean@cityofwayne.org to reserve your spot or for more information.

The library will be closed along with other city offices on Friday, July 3, for the Independence Day observation. We will remain closed until Monday, July 6. Be sure to stock up on books and movies for the long weekend!

To learn more about any of our summer events (or for plans down the road) call the library at 402-375-3135.



Green Notes ~ Dumpster Duty Results are in!!



For the 2nd year in a row, the Wayne Green Team organized a Green Move Out at the WSC dorms in early May. Over 50 volunteers covered 95 hours of dumpster duty at the 5 largest dorms on campus. As a result, there was a decrease in the amount of trash hauled away to the landfill by more than **3,000 pounds**

compared to last year. We salvaged usable household items and clothes for resale at Rustic Treasures or donation to Michah's Closet, such as microwaves, trash bins, drawer caddies, shower caddies, rugs, lamps, fans, chairs, DVD player, VCR, bags of clothes, and even lots of Husker gear.

Thank you to members of the WSC Football Team, WSC

Green Team, Wayne Green Team and our community for volunteering their time with this important Green Move Out!

For more information, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook, visit the Wayne Green Team at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam, or email greenteam@cityofwayne.org.

WISE WORDS

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For while knowledge defines all we currently know, imagination points to all we might yet discover and create.

~Albert Einstein

Did you know:

- ◆ Groundwater can take a human lifetime just to traverse a mile.
- ◆ Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water.
- ◆ Water leaves the stomach five minutes after consumption.



HOURS AT CAC (September 1st—May 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am—10 pm
Fri—5:30 am—9 pm
Sat—8 am—8 pm
Sun—1 pm - 8 pm

